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# The Westerly News blowing in from Westerham U3A

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## A warm welcome from our new Chairman

I am always struck by the range and diversity of activities available to our members, organised by our members. There is always room for more.

I am particularly looking forward to the special **Celebration of 1000 U3As** on 22 November 2016. It is £5 and is in London. Eric Midwinter, founder member, is one of the speakers. Maybe I'll see you there!

Looking ahead to 2017:

We have a very varied range of speakers at our future **Open Meetings** (see p2) and there will be several outings, too.

Following my group visits to the Whitechapel Mosque and synagogue, I am planning a 2017 group visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry on 11 March.

I know that many **Study Groups** (see p3) are planning their 2017 programmes. Hopefully, there will soon be a **2017 Calendar** of all activities, enabling every Westerham U3A member to see - at a glance - what is happening on a daily basis.

I look forward to meeting many of you at our annual Christmas lunch on Thursday 8 December 2016.

*Lynne Martin*

**Chairman**

Keep in touch:

**TALK** to any of the Committee members at one of our meetings

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### WATCH

www.westerhamU3A.org – our website detailing new events, study groups and activities

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## Open Meetings: 2017 programme

**12 January**

*Jewels and wardrobe of the Duchess of Windsor*

Janie Ramsay

**9 February**

*Pilgrims Way: Canterbury to Santiago*

Geoff Farrell

**9 March**

*Grand Order of Water Rats*

Ken Joy

**13 April**

*Volunteering in Malawi*

Tina Rhoda

**11 May**

*Islamic Art*

Imogen Corrigan

**8 June**

*Great Lovers*

Mary Forlenza

**13 July**

*The Titanic*

Steve Lester

**NO August meeting**

**14 September**

*Samuel Pepys*

OMS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 2PM AT WESTERHAM HALL, TN16 1BG

## STUDY GROUPS RUNNING

Allotment Group - Appreciating Architecture - Appreciating Great Paintings - Archaeology & History - Basic Science Concepts - Beginners' Bridge - Teams' Bridge - Book Club (1 & 2) - Circle Dancing - Current Affairs - Cycling Group - Digital Image Manipulation Photography (1st year/2nd year/3rd year/4th year) - Fly Fishing - French (conversation & advanced) - Gardening - Handicrafts - Italian Conversation - Local Studies - London Studies - Mahjong - Military History - Poetry - Public speaking - Science and Technology - Small Houses and Gardens of Historical Interest - Spanish (beginners & conversation) - Sunday Lunch - Theatre and Film Group - Travel Book Group - Walking Group - Watercolour Painting - Wine (and beer) Appreciation.

*Is there anyone who could lead a Zumba class, as lots of members enjoyed the taster session?*

## COFFEE MORNING DATES 2016/2017

7 November; 5 December; 9 January; 6 February; 6 March; 3 April; 8 May; 5 June; 3 July; 7 August; 4 September.

Coffee Mornings are usually held on the first Monday of each month (except months with bank holidays in them, when they are postponed), at the Grasshopper on the Green (below), from 10.30am.



## New Chair voted in at 2016 AGM

At the July AGM, we said a fond farewell to our Chair, Lyn Snowden, and founding Treasurer, Jane Dodd. We are delighted to welcome our new Chair, Lynne Martin, and new Treasurer, Alan Essex (pictured below).



The Treasurer recommended that annual subscriptions (£20 per annum) remained unchanged.

*NB from 1 October, half price membership is offered to new joiners.*

**[www.westerhamu3a.org](http://www.westerhamu3a.org)**



## Westerham U3A's 2016 Highlights

There were some great highlights over the year, including a special Samuel Palmer Walk (pictured above), a tour of Brooklands Museum (pictured right), a truly delightful summer tea at Titsey Place, and popular visits to the Florence Nightingale Museum and to the Royal Hospital Chelsea (front page and below).



## STOP PRESS

Whitechapel Bell Foundry  
4pm Saturday 11 March

Visit to 'the world's most famous bell foundry' in the East End - cost £15 pp.

## Visit: The Foundling Museum/ Grand Order of Water Rats

Wednesday 17 May

Meeting: 10.45am in the cafe at the Foundling Museum, 40 Brunswick Square, WC1N 1AZ

The moving story of the Foundling Hospital and the abandoned children who grew up there is revealed through the artworks, objects and archival documents.

There will be a 1-hour guided tour, followed by free time to explore the collections. See

[foundlingmuseum.org.uk](http://foundlingmuseum.org.uk)

A sandwich lunch is included in the price.

Participants will walk to the Grand Order of the Water Rats Museum for a museum/lodge tour starting at 2.00, finishing at approximately 4.30.

Cost: £31 per person. Places are limited to 25, and will be allocated on a first come first served basis and secured on payment.

*Closing date for applications:*

9 February 2017

## Glyndebourne tour

Monday 27 February

There are still places for the backstage visit to the world class Glyndebourne Opera House and Anne of Cleves House – *deadline for booking is 11 November.*

## Christmas lunch

Once again a great value Christmas Lunch has been arranged at Westerham Hall (from 12.30 on 8 December). The cost is just £16 pp - please pay at the next OM or send cheques - with name - to the Membership Secretary.

Main course choices are *Braised Lamb Shank, Chicken Saltimbocca or Roast Vegetable Filo Parcels.*



For more about study groups, events and outings, see

[www.westerhamU3A.org.uk](http://www.westerhamU3A.org.uk)

## Opportunity knocks!

Among the groups with spaces are: Appreciating Architecture, Book Club 2, London Studies, Mahjong, Military History, Poetry, Science and Technology, Spanish Conversation, Sunday Lunch, Theatre and Film Appreciation, Watercolours.

Groups that are full usually operate a waiting list – until spaces appear or a second group can be formed.

## Tea time!



Kay would really appreciate volunteer helpers for tea making at Open Meetings.

## Committed?

The Committee members - all volunteers - always welcome help.

If you are able to assist in any way, please email

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